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Title: Method and Apparatus for Routing Alarms in a Signaling System

AMENDMENT

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It is believed that the foregoing places the present application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 6-16, along with the objection to claims 4 and 5, and the allowance of these claims, along with new claims 17-20. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that they be submitted in writing to the undersigned. There are no outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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